

ATTACHMENT B – CLEAN COPY

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ABSTRACT

A container 11, carries a component 12 of the telemetry system. The container mounted unit 12 transmits via its antenna 34, a signal 41 containing data indicating the status of the container. This signal is received by shipboard transponder 32 including an antenna 33, a first transceiver 35 for communication with shipboard devices such as the container module 12, control unit 36 which monitors and buffers signals for re-transmission and routes incoming signals, and a second transceiver 37 which transmits and receives signals 39, to and from the satellite 15 via its antenna 38. Thus signals from the container mounted module 12 may be relayed via the shipboard relay 32, the satellite 17 and the communications network 19, 20, 21 to the receiver station 22.

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